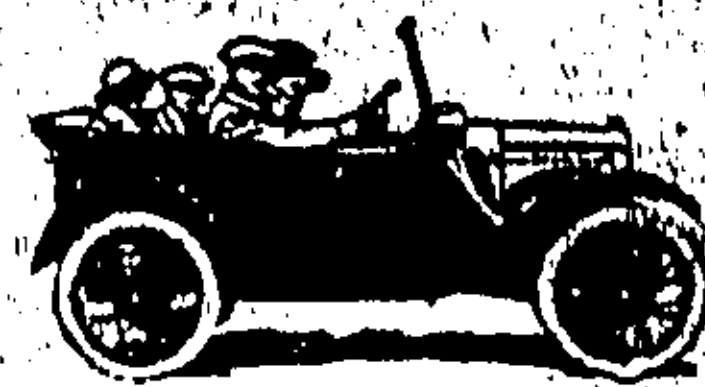


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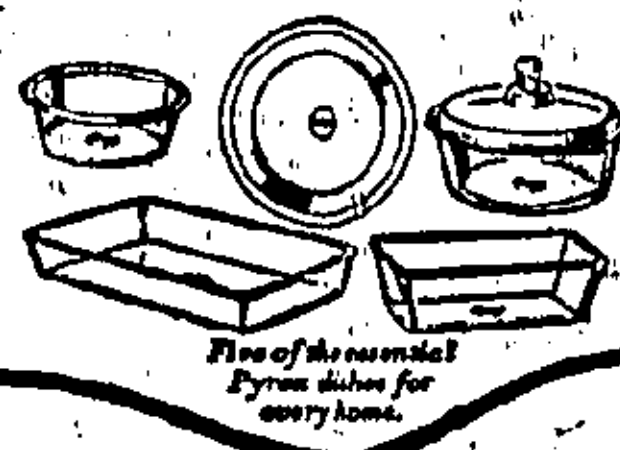
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BANDITS AMAZED. PAPER THAT CHANGED COLOUR. AMUSING INCIDENT.

Returned Students' Narrative.

Being kidnapped by bandits and held for ransom is not a desirable experience but it has its amusing side as the following interview shows.

When sensised paper is written on it does not require more than a rudimentary knowledge of certain chemical actions to grasp that a change of colour will naturally follow.

The robbers whose audacious capture of students of Canton Christian College has provoked almost more attention than the most thrilling escapades of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, were evidently not possessed of this knowledge.

Hence their astonishment at the phenomenon, as described by one of their late captives in an exclusive interview with the "China Mail" this morning.

For obvious reasons it is obvious that the name of the Hongkong student interviewed and the College at which he is resident should not be made public. Suffice it to write that he was on a visit to a friend at the College and that he returned to Hongkong after his release by last night's boat from Canton.

"We had no idea we had been captured, until we had passed the C.C.C. landing stage some distance," the student told a "China Mail" representative this morning. "None of us knew that some of the robbers, disguised as students' friends, of whom there were a number on the boat, had been sitting next to the steersman and with a revolver poked unobtrusively on either side he had no choice but to go according to their directions."

"When was it that you noticed anything unusual?"

"A man whom we afterwards found out was the chief of the brigands came of the engine room and told us that there was no need to be alarmed. He held a revolver in his hand and we thought he was one of the guards protecting the boat. He later told us that another boat was in distress and we were going out of our way to give it assistance. It was not until another man came with a lantern (for it was at night time that all this happened) and told us that if we had any 'sai-chee' (Hongkong currency) we had better hand it over that we began to suspect that anything was wrong. We were told that we kept back anything at the peril of our lives."

"Was much collected in this way?"

"Some of the students had several hundreds of dollars on them and we reckoned that they took about a thousand dollars altogether."

"There was no attempt at resistance?"

"It was no use. All the six bandits were armed and we only had one revolver between us. That was in the possession of one of the masters (a Chinese) who had carried it with him ever since he had been captured in the hold up on the Canton railway. After consulting hurriedly with those of us who were near him he thought it would be wiser to throw it overboard and he did so."

"How long were you in the motor boat before you were made to land?"

"The trip to the College on Honam Island is only supposed to take about twenty minutes but we were in the boat for about four hours and were landed somewhere on the East river."

"It was here that one of the party made his get-away, was it not?"

"AN ESCAPE."

Yes, two of them in fact, who concealed themselves in the cabin of the junk into which we were transferred for the purpose of getting us ashore. They held on to the side of the boat partially immersed in water, while the search was being carried out for them. They eventually got away and were captured by another robber band, although that is quite a different story. They are both back at the College now."

"How were you treated by the bandits?"

"We were not cruelly treated but both when at the Chinese temple and later on the hillside

where we were made to sleep they provided us with no blankets and it was very, very cold. The food was ordinary Chinese food but we were not given a great deal of it and when the three whom we had elected to go back to the College (having been persuaded by their friends that as the soldiers were on the bandits' track the best thing for them to do was to remain at the College) the Captain threatened to kill us and we had to go without food."

"The Captain has been described a bandit gentleman and to have been very courteous. In

DARING ROBBERY.

Posed As Police On Search Duty.

WOMAN VICTIMISED.

A married woman, residing in a matshed at Canton Road, has reported to the police a daring robbery committed last night. Four men, carrying torches, entered the matshed and opened several boxes, the keys of which they obtained from her. They posed as police officers, and wished no interference from the woman while they were carrying out a search. On the pretence that she was under arrest, two of the men took her some distance and then released her. In the meantime, the other robbers got together money and valuables amounting to a total of \$1,015, and escaped along with their comrades. The men did not exhibit any arms.

CANTON PORTENTS.

SUN YAT-SEN'S DAY OVER?

TURN OF THE TIDE.

Chan Kwong-ming Waiting His Chance.

Has the tide begun to turn against Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Canton? This question is prompted by the portents discussed below.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 10. Persistent wire-pulling behind the scenes, growing rivalry among the military factions, talk of repatriating some of the mercenaries, hints that two generals are arguing about control of the Canton-Samshui Railway and movements portending trouble as far away as Wuchow—these are some of the topics of conversation in leading political and military circles in Canton to-day.

In the course of conversation with a senior field officer of one of the Cantonese divisions who though not stationed in the metro-

king of Honam, is once again in the limelight, being reported as in a dispute with General Lau Tsun-wan, commander-in-chief of the Kwangsi army (in Kwangtung) under Dr. Sun's banner. They are stated to be at loggerheads over some revenue from a place near Sheklung where their respective territories have not been definitely marked out.

CHAN KWING-MING'S PLANS.

That Chan Kwing-ming will not make a bid for Canton, but that others interested are anxious to put him back in power, is the trend of opinion in some of the better informed circles in Hongkong at present.

Political jobbers have been constantly on the move between Hongkong and Swatow, Chan's headquarters being at the latter port. Some who have been seeking financial patronage here have even produced official letters of appointment to minor posts in the various prefectures and districts.

Some time ago it was reported that Chan would assume office, at Swatow, of chief executive of the province—an act which would be no more than a farce unless he was at the helm in Canton.

It has been no secret that the merchants, or rather, the merchants interested in politics, want Chan back. Another significant factor is that Dr. Sun's administration has made no attempt to recapture territory of strategic and economic importance along the East River, which was evacuated with very little fighting. Dr. Sun's faction has since seen fit to concentrate at and near the Bocca Tigris Forts at the entrance to the Canton River and Chan and his allies have not pushed forward.

Difficulty in assigning the plums to his senior subordinates and allies is believed to have been the cause of Chan's inertia but the more optimistic of his supporters have found a solution which seems somewhat improbable.

This is that General Hsu Shung-chi, commander-in-chief of Dr. Sun's Cantonese forces, has modified his views and is willing to collaborate with Chan. According to the prophets Chan will take the post of Civil Governor, leaving the post of Generalissimo to Hsu, and the office of Mayor to Kum Cheong, one of Chan's civil subordinates.

Before Chan can attain this the non-Cantonese mercenaries as represented by the Yunnanese and Hunanese armies, must be dispossessed of power and repatriated. Whether they will sacrifice their rich pastures remains to be seen.

On the other hand, there has been talk of the likelihood of one or more of the factions on Dr. Sun's side, going over to Chan's banner. Those who advance this view go so far as to say that the combination will be strong enough to crush all the other factions combined. If it means that Dr. Sun's party is to be left in the cold, it can be taken for granted that strenuous opposition will be raised.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

QUESTION OF MANDATES DISCUSSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, December 10.

The League Council discussed M. Branting's report of the mandates commission. They passed a resolution, asking the British Government to explain the present Anglo-American negotiations with reference to C. Mandates and also the discussions at the Imperial Conference on the subject. The Report points out that the Commission was concerned chiefly with Palestine, Syria, the British Cameroons, British Togoland, New Guinea, Samoa, and the Japanese Mandated Islands. The report adds that they were administered by the League Council and the terms of the

WHO WILL RULE THE CITY OF RAMS?



Canton, the storm-centre of the south, may soon once more become a pawn in the political game, according to reports discussed in this issue of the "China Mail."

fact, what we in England would call a veritable 'Dick Turpin.' He was far from being that. He was big and fine looking but a regular rascal. He made us sign names the morning after the capture and he produced a piece of sensitised paper which had been taken from the person of one of the students. The robbers were quite scared when they saw the paper change colour."

"Did you see anything of the fighting between the troops sent out to rescue you and the brigands?"

"No, but we heard the shots and shortly after that we were taken back to the temple to which we had been first taken and the robbers left us and told us that we were free to go where we liked. We could not get in touch with the troops, but after a long walk across country we got to a place opposite Whampoa and a Chinese battleship was sent to take us back."

The interview closed with the "China Mail" man undertaking to send a cable telling the student's people that the latter was safe.

THE DOG DANGER.

TWO MORE PERSONS BITTEN.

A farmer living at Au Tam Mei village, Lok Ma Chan, in the New Territories, was bitten by a dog alleged to be rabid. The man is now in the Government Civil Hospital. The dog was killed by the villagers and sent to the Bacteriological Institute for examination.

ANOTHER CASE.

Wong Loi, a Chinese living at No. 93, Queen's Road West, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. This man was bitten by a dog, which is now under observation at the American Returned Students

DETECTIVE MURDERED.

LAST EVENING'S TRAGIC AFFAIR.

ASSAILANT TOLD TO HALT.

SUSPECTED OF CARRYING ARMS.

A Chinese detective, named So Kin-cho, was shot dead by a Shantung man yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. The detective was on duty at the Praya near the ferry wharf, and noticed a suspicious looking character walking towards him along the sea wall. On drawing abreast the man was asked to stop in order to be searched for arms, but before the detective realised the situation, he had been shot in the chest by a revolver which the man suddenly drew out from under his jacket. On being shot the detective fell off the praya wall into the water, and his body was recovered later. Death must have been instantaneous. It is said the bullet passing through his body.

Identity of Assailant.

The murderer, immediately after firing the shot, dashed into a side street and disappeared in a westerly direction, but not without disclosing his identity to a police person in the street. The police on hearing the alarm were on the scene a few minutes later, and carried out a thorough search for the assailant but without success. There are prospects of the murderer being arrested as a clear description of the man has been furnished to the police, one of the eye-witnesses giving the name as Lai Mow.

A Prohibition movement seems not altogether impracticable in China. A number of Chinese students who have studied in America have, it is alleged, formed themselves into a secret society, and are endeavouring to stop him.

police, openly speaks of reports from his intelligence agents there, I gathered that anything up to open rupture between two or more of the different denominations of troops in this province, in the near future, would not be at all surprising.

General Fan Chung-sau's "army" of Honan mercenaries, dubbed "The White Wolf's Cubs" by the "China Mail," is reported to be uneasy now that Dr. Sun is not here. Hitherto, Dr. Sun placed implicit faith in the Wolf Cubs' loyalty, as evidenced by the part they took in the Volunteer Arms dispute, the general strike and the conflict with the merchants.

As the Honanese are, numerically, the weakest of the adventurer contingents in Kwangtung, they do not possess any definite sources of revenue. It has been rumoured that they applied to headquarters for an issue of arms but were refused. On the basis of this rumour they have been mentioned as wavering in their allegiance and there is talk of their leaving for another province and even turning over to Chan Kwong-ming.

Seeking Vengeance?

Gossip attributes to Fan Sheng-sang, commanding the 2nd Yunnanese army and one of the most powerful leaders in the province at the time, a desire to lead his troops back to his native province to wreak revenge on Tsuchun Tang Chi-yao who is alleged to have shot Fan's father while the son was winning his spurs in Canton.

At any rate, General Hsu Shung-chi, the "No. 1" pro-Sun Cantonese (native) officer and Dr. Sun's right-hand man for several years, is said to be desirous of securing control—control bringing in its train the revenue—of the Canton-Samshui Railway. As the officer in charge of the railway is one of Fan's proteges, Hsu is reported to have "disagreed" with Fan. It has also been predicted that if Fan attempts to move his troops up the West River on the initial stages of his long trek to revenge his father's death, Hsu will endeavour to stop him.

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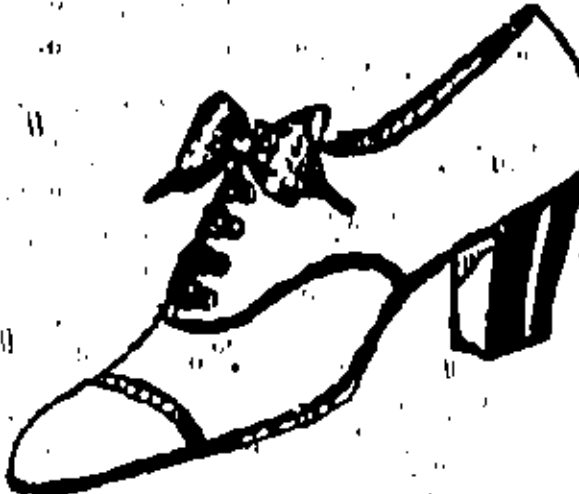
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Lockjaw Cured.

George Kevern, a Redruth, Cornwall, gardener injured his hand while at work and developed lockjaw. He was treated at the hospital by Dr. F. Hitchens and Dr. O'Donnell, and is stated to be recovering so rapidly that he will be able to leave the institution in a few days.

River Burst Bank.

Several houses were flooded and allotments covered with water as a result of the River Wandie bursting its north bank near Plough-lane, Wimbledon. Plough-lane was impassable for a time, and the Plough Inn was surrounded by water. The breach was repaired later by engineers.

New Planet or Comet.

The discovery is reported by Dr. Baade, of Hamburg Observatory, of a new heavenly body which has the appearance of a planet but is moving so rapidly that it is believed to be a comet. Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer-Royal, Greenwhich, states that should it be a planet it would be of great interest from the nearness of its orbit to that of the earth.

A Mayor Wanted.

Eastbourne is experiencing difficulty in finding a mayor. A special committee of the Town Council has tried every possible candidate inside and outside the council without finding a man "woman" willing to accept the office. The present mayor, Alderman Saddy, has served two years, and business claims prevent him from continuing another year.

Ice-age Tusks Sold.

One ton of the mammoth tusks brought from Siberian glaciers and said to be 50,000 years old, was auctioned by Messrs. Hale and Son at the Commercial Sale Rooms in Mincing-lane, E.C. The first bid was 40s. per cwt., but the price of the first lot mounted to £23, at which it was sold "subject to importer's approval." The highest price was £41 per cwt., other bids ranging from £9 to £23 per cwt. The market price of best billiard ball ivory is £120 per cwt.

A Good Choice.

Sir Edward Charlton tells an amusing story of an Irishman who was captured by the Germans in 1914, and who admitted having joined up with the enemy. "This Irishman," continued the Admiral, "said he joined up with the Germans on three conditions, all of which were kept. The first was that he should not be made to fight on the Western Front, the second was that he should wear his own uniform, which was to be of green woven cloth, covered with shamrocks. The third that he should choose his own employment. 'I choose,' I asked, 'to work in a Munich brewery, and I have been there ever since,' was the answer."

Houses On Stilts.

Will Thames-side dwellers be driven, like the people of Venice and Amsterdam, to build their houses on piles? asks the "Children's Newspaper." The great dock towns on the north of the Thames are at their wits' end to know how to house their people. West Ham has recently rejected a site near the river because it is below high-tide level, and so was considered unhealthy. But at Tilbury houses have been built on such a site on upright wooden piles driven into the ground and standing up above the water level. The objection, however, is not only one of health, but of cost. It is said that as much would have to be spent on the foundations as on the houses, and we cannot afford to double the cost of houses in these days.

Constable Forgiven.

In granting a decree nisi to Benjamin John King, policeman, of Lansdowne-road, Canning Town, Mr. Justice Horridge remarked that the man ought to be very thankful. As a policeman he knew he had jeopardised his case by misconduct—King, accused of his wife of infidelity with William Bradshaw. His marriage, he stated, was in May, 1918, at Colwyn Bay, where respondent's parents lived. In August, 1921, she was ill and returned to Colwyn Bay, where she stayed several weeks. After her return she became discontented, told witness she was tired of him, fed up with life, wanted to go back to Colwyn Bay, and that she had associated with another man. Eventually she went away. Petitioner admitted that in his wife's absence he was guilty of one act of misconduct with another woman during a holiday.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

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London zone, with 221 men per 100,000, had the highest proportion of Army recruits for the year ended September 30.

Vauxhall team of the London Fire Brigade won the annual inter-brigade motor-pumping competition in 1924, 39.25 sec.

Miss A. S. Brocklebank has been made Rutland's first woman magistrate and Mr. A. Crook its first Labour magistrate.

By an Order in Council the maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, is extended to the Colony of Jamaica.

Of the 4,061 matriculated students at Edinburgh University during the past year 1,195 were women, two being divinity students.

Mormon "missionaries" are at work in England again. They are making a house-to-house canvass in and around London looking for recruits.

One hundred and eighty-one head of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, at an average price of £52 7s. 10d., were disposed of at Aberdeen cattle sale.

Joseph Fletcher, 22, of Beverley, Yorkshire, was acquitted at Hull of the manslaughter of George Grantham, with whose car, his motor-cycle collided.

When about to play a stroke at the fourth hole on Romford golf course Mr. Charles Patterson, borough accountant of West Ham, collapsed and died.

Miss Jane Raby, of Bath, who celebrated her 105th birthday, received congratulations from Mrs. Bolton Barton, her near neighbour, who entered her 100th year.

At Dublin the bodies of Erskine Childers and four other Republicans executed in 1922 in Beggar's Bush Barracks were handed over to relatives.

By 14 votes to 7 Worthing Town Council has decided to continue to allow Sunday tennis and badminton on their Corporation Bath grounds.

For the first time since 1911 the Norwich Musical Festival was revived this week. The new work of the festival was an orchestral piece by Mr. E. J. Moeran, a Norfolk composer.

A sharp chase in the West End of London ended in the capture of a man suspected of stealing a £2,000 diamond ring after throwing a brick at the window of Messrs. Stewart-Dawson and Co., Ltd., goldsmiths, Regent-street, W.

Following complaints by passengers in the Midlands and South Wales, investigations have been made over a wide area into thefts of luggage, and stolen property valued at more than £2,000 has been recovered.

During the winter seven of the finest vessels of the Cunard Anchor fleet will be cruising for periods varying from one to four and a half months. They will cover a total distance of 110,000 miles and accommodate about 4,000 people.

Following medical evidence of his being in an overwrought state, Lechmere Worrall, the dramatist, who pleaded guilty at London Sessions to defrauding a taxicab driver of £1, was sent to a home for two months, sentence being deferred.

For half an hour a dead woman was pinned underneath a London omnibus which crashed into the railings of a house at the corner of Ladbrooke-grove. It is thought that she was on the pavement when the omnibus swerved, apparently to avoid a lorry, and dashed on to the pavement.

Antique remains discovered in excavations at Herden Park, Colchester, which include bronzes and silver articles and threads of gold tissue as from a rich funeral robe, are thought to be connected with King Cunobelinus, born B.C. 4. He was one of the early Kings of the Britons and the Cymbeline of Shakespeare.

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"MACEDONIA"	11,069	10th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"SICILIA"	9,913	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MORIA"	10,116	24th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	6,684	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"SODAN"	6,606	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	6,684	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	9,913	7th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"MORIA"	10,116	14th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	6,684	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SODAN"	6,606	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	6,684	4th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	9,913	11th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"MORIA"	10,116	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	6,684	25th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SODAN"	6,606	2nd May	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	6,684	9th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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S. S.	Tons	DESTINATION
"TAKIWA"	8,500	21st Dec. Singapore only.
"TAKIWA"	8,500	5th Jan. Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKIWA"	8,500	13th Jan. Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKIWA"	8,500	20th Jan. Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)		
S. S.	Tons	DESTINATION
"ARAFURA"	8,500	30th Dec. Manik Sandakan, Thursday Island
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Jan. Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
"TANDA"	8,500	11th Jan. do.

SAILINGS TO SPANGHAI & JAPAN		
S. S.	Tons	DESTINATION
"TAKIWA"	8,500	12th Dec. Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,069	15th Dec. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	9,949	22nd Dec. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	9,913	29th Dec. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,116	5th Jan. 1925. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	12th Jan. Moji and Kobe.
"DONGOLA"	8,083	19th Jan. Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,060	26th Jan. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORIA"	10,116	2nd Feb. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	9th Feb. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	16th Feb. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	23rd Feb. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	30th Feb. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	7th Mar. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHMIR"	6,684	21st Mar. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	28th Mar. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	4th Apr. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	11th Apr. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	18th Apr. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	25th Apr. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	2nd May. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	9th May. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,684	16th May. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SODAN"	6,606	23rd May. Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Butcher Meat.			
	December 8, 1924.	June 1914.	June 1914.
Beef Strickon, -Mal Leng Pa	lb. 30	24	12
"Prime Cut, -Ham Ngau Yau	30	24	12
"Roast, -Shin	28	24	12
"Roast, -Ngau Nam	26	20	10
"Soup, -Tong Yuk	24	20	10
"Shank, -Ngau Yau Pa	28	24	12
"Shank Strickon, -Ngau Yau	26	20	10
"Sausages, -Ngau Chong	20	16	8
"Hollok's Sausage, -Ngau Ho	12	10	5
"Tongue, fresh, -Ngau Li	60	60	60
"Tongue, cured, -Ham Ngau Li	each 100	100	100
"Head, -Ngau Yau	each 1.00	1.00	1.00
"Heart, -Ngau Yau	lb. 16	12	6
"Hump, Salt, -Ngau Yau	24	20	10
"Paw, -Ngau Yau	12	10	5
"Kidney, -Ngau Yau	12	10	5
"Liver, -Ngau Yau	12	10	5
"Tripe (unwashed), -Ngau Yau	lb. 6	6	6
"Calves' Head and Feet, -Ngau Yau	each 1.00	1.00	1.00
"Lamb Chop, -Kung Pui Kwai	lb. 48	36	18
"Leg, -Young Fat	48	36	18
"Shoulder, -Young Fat	48	36	18
"Saddle, -Young Fat	48	36	18
"Pig's Chilling, -Chiu Chong	36	24	12
"Brain, -Chiu Chong	36	24	12
"Feet, -Chiu Chong	18	15	7
"Pig, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Head, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Heart, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Kidney, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Liver, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Pork Chop, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Leg, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Loin, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Fat or Lard, -Chiu Chong	30	24	12
"Sheep's Head and Feet, -Young	30	24	12
"Lamb, -Young Fat	30	24	12
"Heart, -Young Fat	30	24	12
"Kidney, -Young Fat	30	24	12
"Liver, -Young Fat	30	24	12
"Sucking Pig, -Young Fat	30	24	12
"Suet, Beef, -Shang Ngau Yau	30	24	12
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Fish.			
	December 8, 1924.	June 1914.	June 1914.
Barbel, -Ka Yu	lb. 30	19	9
Bream, -Pin Yu	30	20	10
Canton Fresh Water Fish, -Hoi Shu Yu	28	18	9
Carp, -Li Yu	30	18	9
Catfish, -Chik Yu	48	36	18
Codfish, -Man Yu	16	12	6
Cray, -Hal, -	42	32	16
Octopus, -Mink Yu	38	18	9
Dab, -Shi Mang Yu	70	34	17
Dog, -Wong Mai Lap	30	10	5
Dog Fish, -Tin To Shu	18	10	5
Eel, -Conger, -Hoi Man	30	10	5
"Fresh water, -Yau Shui Yu	28	20	10
"Yellow, -Wong Shu	30	20	10
"Frog, -Tin Kiu	30	20	10
Grouper, -Shak Pan	30	18	9
Gudgeon, -Pak Kap Yu	30	18	9
Herring, -Tao Pak	30	18	9
Halibut, -Cheung Kwan Kap	38	18	9
Labrus, -Wong Fa Yu	24	12	6
Loach, -Wo Yu	70	34	17
Lobster, -Lung Ha	80	38	19
Mackerel, -Chi Yu	18	10	5
Monk Fish, -Mong Yu	38	18	9
Mullet, -Tali Yu	32	18	9
Oysters, -Shang Ho	10	10	5
Parrot Fish, -Kai Kung Yu	28	14	7
Perch, -Tao Lo	24	10	5
Pike, -Pa Fan Fong	12	10	5
Plaice, -Pan Yu	42	20	10
Pomfret, Black, -Hak Chong	60	28	14
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	55	26	13
Prawns, -Ming Ha	90	38	19
Ray, -Pai Fa Shu	10	10	5
Rock Fish, -Shak Kwan Kung	16	12	6
Roach, -Chun Yu	42	22	11
Salmon, -Ma Yu	70	34	17
Shark, -Sha Yu	10	8	4
Skate, -Po Yu	16	10	5
Skipper, -Ha Yu	48	24	12
Skipper, -Lap Yu	48	24	12
Sole, -Tah Shu Yu	28	14	7
Tench, -Wan Yu	38	18	9
Turbot, -Tao Hui Yu	14	10	5
Turtle, small fresh water, -Kau Yu	1.30	40	40

Poultry

	December 8, 1924.	June 1914.	June 1914.
Chickens, -Kai	lb. 48	30	15
Capon, Small, -Shu Kai	40	28	14
Capon, Large, -Shu Kai	48	32	16
Duck, -Ap	38	28	14
Doves, -Pan Kan	each 10	10	10
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	80	60	30
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	80	60	30
Fowls, Canton, -Kai	lb. 55	38	19
Gowls, Halban, -Hoi Nam Kai	38	28	14
Geese, -Nga	40	30	15
Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kap, each	55	30	15
"Hollow, -Hoi Nam Pak Kap	each 30	20	10
Turkeys, Cook, -Fo Kai Kung	lb. 70	50	25
Turkeys, Hen, -Fo Kai Na	80	55	27
Snipe, -Sha Tai	each 10	10	10
Pheasant, -Shan Kai	each 10	10	10
Quail, -Om Chon	each 10	10	10
Partridge, -Oho Ka	each 1.00	1.00	1.00

Fruits.

	December 8, 1924.	June 1914.	June 1914.
Almonds, -Hang Yan	lb. 38	28	14
Apples, (California), -Kam Shan	each 10	10	10
Bananas, (bridge), -Mao, -Sai	each 10	10	10
Cashew, -Young Fat	each 10	10	10
Cocconuts, -Ye Tai	each 10	10	10
Lemons, China, -Ling Mung	lb. 10	7	3
Lemons, (American), -Kam Shan	each 10	10	10
Lichees, Dried, (small stone), -Lai Ohi Son	lb. 30	20	10
Oranges, (Canton), -Sweet	each 10	10	10
Shan-shing Tin Chang	lb. 14	10	5
Oranges, Tin Chang	lb. 14	10	5
Pears, (Canton), -Cooking, -Shu Ei	lb. 12	10	5
Pearl, -Fa Shang	each 10	10	10
Persimmons, Large, -Hang Yee	each 10	10	10
Plantain, -Tali Chiu	each 10	10	10
Pumelo, -Tali Lo Yau	each 10	10	10
Walnuts, -Hop To	lb. 24	18	9
Grapes, -Fo Tai Yu	each 10	10	10

Vegetables, &c.

	December 8, 1924.	June 1914.	June 1914.
Artichokes, -Ab Ohi Chien	each 10	10	10
Beans, Sprout, -Nga Tso	lb. 5	4	2
"Long, -Tao Kok	lb. 5	4	2
Beet Root, -Hung Tui Tai	each 10	10	10
Bitter Melon, -Fu Kwa	each 10	10	10
Brinjal, Green, -Ching Yau Kwa	lb. 8	6	3
"Red, -Hung Kwa	lb. 8	6	3
Cabbages, Chinese, (common), -Rat Tui	lb. 8	6	3
"(Shanghai), -Ye Tai	lb. 12	10	5
Cane Shooks, bunch, -Kam Shan	each 10	10	10
Cauliflower (Large), -Ye Tai	each 10	10	10
"(Medium), -	each 10	10	10
"(Small), -	each 10	10	10
Carrots, -Kam Shan	each 10	10	10
Celery Chinese, -Tung Kai Tai	lb. 12	10	5
Chillies, Dried, -Kou Lat Chiu	lb. 20	15	7
"Red, -Hung Fa Chiu	lb. 15	10	5
"Green, -Ching Lat Chiu	lb. 24	18	9
Curry Stuff, English, -Kai Lai Chiu	lb. 10	8	4
Cucumbers, -Ching Kwa	each 10	10	10
Garlic, -Sun Tai	lb. 12	10	5
Ginger young, -Sun Tai	lb. 15	10	5
Ginger, old, -Lo Kung	lb. 12	10	5
Horseradish, Shanghai, -Lai Kwa	lb. 45	35	17
Indian Corn, -Shuk Mai	each 10	10	10
Leitsoo, -Young Shang Tai	lb. 8	6	3
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"American, -Ye Tai	lb. 10	8	4
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Shallots, -Kong Chong Tai	lb. 12	10	5
Spinach, -Yin Tai	lb. 8	6	3
Tomatoes, -Pan Ke	lb. 10	8	4
Taro, -Wu Tai	lb. 10	8	4
Turnip, Punt, (Long), -Lo Pak	lb. 5	4	2
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BIRTHS.

BEAUCHAMP.—On November 1,
at 1, Leinster-garden, wife of
Lieut. R. R. Beauchamp, R.N.,
daughter,
SCURR.—On December 5, 1924,
at the Victoria Nursing
Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. F. Scurr, a son, George
Norman.

MARRIAGES.

B. O. TLE—WILBRAHAM—
REEVES.—On October 31,
at Holy Trinity Church,
Brompton, Evelyn Caryl
Bootle-Wilbraham, O.B.E.,
second son of the late Colonel
Arthur Bootle-Wilbraham,
D.L., to Sylvie Joan, only
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Hugh Reeves.
COOPER—HUGHES.—On Octo-
ber 30, at Brompton Oratory,
Capt. George Conroy Cooper,
son of the late George Cooper
and of Mrs. Cooper, to Yvonne
Victoria, youngest daughter
of the late Thomas Francis
Hughes and of Mrs. Hughes.

DEATHS.

BADMAN.—On October 29, at
Oakleigh Park, N.20, Harry
Alfred Badman (formerly of
Bangkok), aged 76.
CHAPMAN.—On October 30, at
Westham, near Eastbourne,
Joseph Clarke Chapman,
formerly of Japan, India, and
Egypt, in his 93rd year.

Hongkong, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1924.

ANOTHER CANTON
CONFLICT?

Once more it seems that Canton
will become a pawn in the political
game. According to the reports
that have reached the "China
Mail," General Chan Kwing-ming
is waiting his chance to seize the
city again. From all accounts he
is not strong enough to drive the
Sun Yat-sen faction out, but he
appears to have made himself very
secure in Swatow, whence he can
swoop down when the time seems
ripe for attack. Portents in China
are notoriously misleading, but as
far as they can be read in the
present instance, they appear to
indicate that the moment for

Chan Kwing-ming's blow cannot
be far distant. Dr. Sun Yat-sen is
still in the North, and while he is
away the risk always remains that
internal strife will break out in
Canton. Indeed the longer Dr. Sun
Yat-sen is away the greater does
this risk become. Whatever title
he fancies to adopt—President
of the Republic, Generalissimo
of Kwangtung or President of the
Kuomintang—his presence as
nominal head of all the factions in
Canton—Cantonese, Kwangsi,
Yunnan and Hunan—ensures at
least that the military chiefs will
not dispute among themselves for
the supreme post. Apart from the
remnants of glamour that cling to
his name as "Father of the
Republic," this is Dr. Sun Yat-
sen's only asset as a political force
in China to-day. Canton he won
back with the aid of alien invaders
and without their nominal
allegiance now he would be a mere
bootless adventurer. While this
outward allegiance holds, his pre-
sence of ruling Canton is fairly
secure, but the moment that out-
ward allegiance begins to waver
his fate is almost surely sealed.
Perhaps it would be too much to
suggest that the reports which
have reached the "China Mail"

hold out immediate prospects of
the tide turning against Dr. Sun
Yat-sen, but there are undoubtedly
hidden forces at work, and General
Chan Kwing-ming's quiet policy
of consolidating his position at
Swatow is certainly significant.
Cautious as he seems to be,
General Chan Kwing-ming only
needs an opportunity, and any
defection from Dr. Sun Yat-sen
in Canton, would provide that
opportunity. Whether General
Chan Kwing-ming would meet
with complete success, and if he
did, how long he could hold
Canton, are of course questions it
is impossible to answer. But this
much can be safely said. Once
Dr. Sun Yat-sen is ousted from
Canton, once his supposed
influence there comes to an end,
then he is not merely an adver-
turer, but he is an adventurer
who has ceased to count. Such
claws as he now has will have been
drawn, and it will be beyond his
power to cause any further trouble
in a distracted land.

A Remarkable P. & O. Record.

When Lord Inchcape was in the
Far East the year before last, his
notice was called to a letter in the
Allahabad "Pioneer" in which the
writer complained of the irregu-
larity in delivery of baggage by
the P. & O. steamers. Lord
Inchcape instituted a weekly re-
port from the Company's Agents,
Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie &
Co., which he has received
regularly ever since. It shows
that from January 1, 1923 to
October 30 last, 91 steamers
have arrived in Bombay
from Europe with 13,254 pas-
sengers, and the only missing
packages have been 44, out of
which 19 have been traced and
sent to their owners. Since Feb-
ruary 1, 1924, only one package—
a hold-all—has gone astray, and it
is still hoped that they may be
traced. Considering the quantity

of baggage handled, the insuffi-
ciency of address in many cases,
this is a truly remarkable record
and demonstrates what pains are
taken to prevent inconvenience to
passengers booking by the P. & O.
steamers.

International Opium Control.

A Reuter cable to-day anti-
cipates that a settlement of the
questions under debate at the
opium conference at Geneva are
within measurable distance of
attainment. Apparently, however,
Reuter only refers to a settlement
of the minor issues in dispute, as
no decision has yet been reached
with regard to a Central Board of
Control to supervise the manu-
facture of drugs. One of the most
surprising results of the debates
so far has been the number of
critics who profess to believe that
China is showing genuine enthu-
siasm to tackle the opium problem.
The fact, of course, is that accord-
ing to the estimate made by the
League of Nations' experts, China
is actually producing nine-tenths
of the world's total output, and
there appears to be but meagre
prospect for an early diminution.
In Persia, too, the production of
the poppy is increasing. From a
table compiled by the Indian
Government, it appears that in
1922-23 nearly a quarter of a
million pounds of crude opium
were brought to the Government
warehouse at Shiraz. In the
following year, the figure exceeded
450,000 lbs. The number of chests
sent to Bushire in the two years
mentioned were 1,245 and 1,783.
From these figures it does not
appear that a change of policy in
India would affect the attitude of
Persia towards the opium traffic
any more than the present con-
ference at Geneva is likely to
affect the attitude of China unless
an international board of control
is appointed. When the Geneva
delegates have consented to this,
Reuter's anticipations of settle-
ment will carry more weight.

COMIC OPERA.

"THE YEOMEN OF THE
GUARD."

DRESS REHEARSAL HELD.

Every detail, down to the
minutest item in make-up, at the
final dress rehearsal last night of
the Philharmonic's production,
"The Yeomen of the Guard," was
as it will be at the actual presen-
tations which start from
to-morrow night—most im-
portant of all, perhaps, the
artists by not having to
waste their voices on rows of
empty seats were able in the
light of that "indefinable, in-
describable something" which
an audience is able to transmit,
to give a far better account of them-
selves than it is probable even
the keenest and most painstaking
would have otherwise achieved.

The opera, as presented last
night, was, for an amateur per-
formance, excellent and if the
response of the public is as it
should be, (we venture to predict
that it will be, quite apart from
local patriotic reasons, when it
becomes more widely known
what a very pleasant evening
may be spent at the City Hall
whilst the performances are on),
the Society should have the
double reward of being able to
look back on a public service
rendered and a financial result
which will place them in a strong
financial position for the next
production.

The acting and singing of the
three principals, Mrs. Collett,
Mrs. Douglas Reed and Mr. D. M.
Richards in the parts of Elsie,
Phoebe and Fairfax respectively
are worthy of the best traditions
of amateur operatics. The two
ladies look charming in their
parts into which, quite apart
from the excellence of their
voices, they infuse a wealth of
life and charm.

A word of praise is due also to
Mrs. N. Mathieson who takes the
part of Dame Carruthers. Par-
ticularly good was her solo and
the chorus accompaniment in the
"Screw may twist and the Rack
may turn."

What is lost through the none
too strong voice of Mr. J. S.
Gillingham is perhaps made up
for by his fine acting in the part
of Jack Point, the Jester, but
what should be one of the gems
of the whole evening—"When a
Woer goes a Wooing"—lost con-
siderably through this weakness
last night. Another gem of the
evening in which Mrs. Brown
takes part, "Strange Adventure,"
was an almost perfect blending
of voices.

There were other parts taken
with the utmost credit by lesser
principals but more may be
written about them and those
already mentioned on to-
morrow night's showing
for, after all, although
it was a final dress-rehearsal it is
more than possible, even desir-
able, that in view of what is to
come, too great a strain should
not be put on their voices at this
stage.

NOT GUILTY.

SOLICITORS' CLERKS
DISCHARGED.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE FAILS.

After twenty-four sittings the
case of alleged conspiracy against
the two solicitors' clerks em-
ployed by Messrs. Hastings,
Dennys and Bowley, came to an
end at the Magistracy to-day
when Mr. J. R. Wood ordered
both defendants to be discharged.

Property, stated in Court to be
assessed at between \$150,000 and
\$200,000, was involved and the
case has caused wide-spread in-
terest in both legal and real
estate circles.

On various counts Lo Shu-fan
and Cheung Pui-chuen, alias
Charles Kent were accused of
having conspired together with
Ho Sai-lok (son of Mr. Ho Kom-
tong) and another not in custody,
to defraud Wong Tak-yin, who is
the senior Mr. Ho's concubine.

This morning, Mr. M. K. Lo
addressed the Bench for the
prosecution and asked leave for
the withdrawal of a charge of
forgery of a promissory note for
\$10,000. After complimenting
Mr. E. Davidson (for the de-
fence) on his speech, he replied to
two "backgrounds to the case,"
suggested by Mr. Davidson. One
was that the Crown Law Officers
had refused to proceed with the
prosecution and the other was
that Mr. Ho Kom-tong had
parted with \$70,000 to settle a
civil action arising out of the
trial.

In a very detailed address Mr.
Lo asked His Worship to connect
defendants, whom he described
as "past masters of conveyancing
and Supreme Court procedure,"
with a "long chain of" circum-
stantial evidence which he sub-
mitted, would weigh with a Jury.
At the end of Mr. Lo's address,
His Worship remarked that he
would not assume summary juris-
diction and convict but would
order defendants to be dis-
charged.

When Lo and Kent were
first taken into custody bail in
the sums of \$30,000 and \$20,000
were stipulated but after two or
three formal remands, Mr. R. E.
Lindsell (who first heard the
case) reduced the sums to
nominal amounts.

CASE FOR DEFENCE.

Mr. Davidson, addressing the
Court, yesterday afternoon,
asked why the defendants
should do away with the mort-
gage. The second defendant
himself completed it and there
could be no reason why he should
destroy it. He submitted that
the story of the defence was cor-
rect, and that the mortgage had
been suppressed by complainant.

The evidence of October 22
showed Ho Sai-lok in a different
light. Mr. Webster had given
evidence and had not been chal-
lenged. But Mr. Webster, as
was only natural, had forgotten
things, and no jury would accept
his evidence.

Mr. Lo, in his cross-examina-
tion of Mr. Webster had asked
whether, assuming the evidence
was true, it was not consistent
with the evidence of the prosecu-
tion? Undoubtedly it was—up
to a point. Ho Sai-lok denied
the whole thing. He submitted
that Ho Sai-lok was prepared to
swear to anything.

PROSECUTING "CHILDISH."

The prosecution had no evi-
dence of their own as to what
happened on November 18.
Wong Tak-yin expressed no sur-
prise when asked to sign her
name for someone else. She
made no inquiries; she simply
trotted down to a solicitors' office
and signed documents which she
did not understand. Both Ho
Sai-lok and Wong Tak-yin denied
incidents in the interview when
the agreement was signed, and
they were lying.

It was interesting to note that
Wong Tak-yin described the sign-
ing of the agreement, in his
room, giving minute details, but
when it was put to her and Lok
that Lau produced a cheque, and
someone went and got cash, they
denied that. They said he had a
wad of notes.

Lau said that on November
30 he handed over the money to
him (Mr. Davidson), who handed
it to Wong Tak-yin. The latter
counted the money and yet, in her
evidence, she suppressed the fact.
If she had been selling her own
property it would have been an
altogether different matter, but
she was not. The whole case
bristled with incidents unaccept-
able to the prosecution, but the
case was simple if the view of the
defence were accepted.

The case for the prosecution
was childish—that the defen-
dants tried to double-cross Ho
Sai-lok. It had to be remem-
bered that the double-crossed Ho
Sai-lok promised to pay back the
whole sum if he were given a
short time in which to do so.
Wong Tak-yin had stated that
she could not remember a certain

P. & O. COMPANY.

LORD INCHCAPE REPORTS
LEAN YEAR.

SUZ CANAL DUES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 10.
Lord Inchcape, at the annual
meeting of the Peninsular and
Oriental Steamship Company, re-
viewing the affairs of the company,
said the financial results had not
been derived from working profits,
but from the Company's invest-
ments and other sources. He
mentioned, as examples, the
dividends from allied lines.

He asserted that the remarks he
had made at last year's meeting
applied to-day, namely, with few
exceptions, the earnings on every
voyage had fallen short of dis-
bursements.

Lord Inchcape feared years
would elapse before the restoration
of pre-war conditions.

Suez Canal Dues.

Lord Inchcape guardedly fore-
shadowed a reduction of twenty-
five gold centimes a ton on Suez
Canal dues which will then be
seven and a quarter francs com-
pared with six and a quarter in
1914. He hoped, if traffic continued
to improve, that there would be a
further reduction before long and
that it would eventually reach five
francs.

GERMAN POLITICS.

RESIGNATION OF CABINET
ANNOUNCED.

DATE TO BE FIXED.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, December 10.
The Cabinet has decided to
resign at the earliest opportunity
leaving Herr Marx to arrange the
date with President Ebert.

It is authoritatively stated the
resignation is due to the fact that
the elections did not result in the
majority necessary to carry on the
Cabinet's policy.

Future Uncertain.

It is not yet certain to which
party will be entrusted the forma-
tion of a government. It is believed
the German Nationals will be asked
as they hope to form a National
People's Centre Coalition with the
benevolent neutrality of the
Democrats.

NOT WELCOME.

AUSTRIAN PRESS FEARS
JOFFE'S ACTIVITIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

VIENNA, December 10.
The appointment of M. Joffe
as Soviet Minister to Austria is in
nowise welcomed by the news-
papers, which express the opinion
that his activities are likely to be
directed more towards Communist
agitation than legitimate diplomatic
affairs.

GENEVA CONFERENCE.

OPIMUM DELEGATES MORE
HOPEFUL.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, December 10.
With progress having been
made by the two sub-committees
of the Second Opium Conference,
prospects for its termination by
December 20, are more hopeful.
Agreement was reached to-day on
the important question of imports
and exports by land and sea transit
and transhipment.

On the other hand, no agreement
has so far been come to respecting
the establishment of a Central
Board of Control for the manufac-
ture of drugs.

SILK STORE DANCE.

GUESTS OF MR. SHEWARAM
ENJOY THEMSELVES.

A most enjoyable time was spent
last night at the Pioneer Silk Store,
when Mr. Shewaram threw open
his premises to enable his patrons
to indulge in dancing.
To-day the grand opening sale
commenced and crowds, in search
of Christmas presents thronged the
newly opened premises at Queen's
Road Central.

date of the utmost importance
within 12 months, and yet she
was certain the date was not in
May. This ought to be thought
of when they remembered that
this was a grave criminal charge
which involved the future liberty
of two men. The whole point
was that Ho Sai-lok was trying
to transfer the responsibility.
On the evidence before them, no
jury could convict, and he asked
His Worship to dismiss the
charges.

THOSE WAR DEBTS. CHURCHILL EXPLAINS SITUATION.

POLICY OF GIVE AND TAKE.

Support From The Opposition.

The question of Britain's policy with regard to war debts was fully explained by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 10. In the House of Commons to-day, the debate on the Address was resumed. Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to Sir John Simon on the



subject of inter-allied debts, referred to the reported Franco-American financial negotiations. He said, as far as the Government were aware, the matter had not advanced further than tentative enquiries and conversations; therefore the necessity for a formal British declaration in the matter had not arisen at present. The Government did not wish to hinder any arrangement for mutual benefit between two friendly nations with whom we had been allied and associated during the war, but considered it essential that any payments made by our debtors in Europe to their creditors on the United States should be accompanied simultaneously by proportionate payments to Britain (Ministerial and Liberal cheers).

Starting Point. Mr. Churchill submitted that the American debt settlement had advantages of which there was no doubt; it formed a starting point for the future treatment of the question of allied debts. The second factor in the problem was the Balfour Note, the principle of which was that we obliterate all debts owing to us, if we are similarly treated with regard to debts owing to them (the United States). Failing which we shall ask from Europe only as much as the United States require from us. That principle was expressed three years ago before the settlement of the American debt. It still formed the foundation of British policy.

German Reparations. Mr. Churchill added that there

remained the matter of German reparations, under which the amount receivable would increase as Germany revived; but, it was impossible to say how far hopes would be realised. The arrangement we sought to make with our European allies must be on such a basis as to safeguard us, within the limits of the Balfour Note, from the consequences of German default. These points indicated the policy the Government would endeavour to pursue in connection with inter-allied debts, in which we were animated by a spirit of the warmest comradeship towards our friends and allies in the war. (Cheers.)

Support Of House. Mr. Philip Snowden and Sir Walter Runciman both wished Mr. Churchill success in his conference



with the allied Ministers of Finance in Paris next January. They declared Mr. Churchill would go to Paris with the knowledge that he had the full support of the House of Commons in his difficult task.

Cash Payments.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, December 10. The State Department is at present studying a communication from the British Government, explaining the latter's attitude with regard to the collection by the United States of war claims against Germany, under the Dawes plan. It is understood Britain questions America's right to obtain cash payments through the Dawes plan to meet the awards of the mixed claims commission.

GENEVA PROTOCOL.

FRANK DISCUSSION BY SIR ESME HOWARD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, December 10. Sir Esme Howard, in a speech at the banquet of the English-Speaking Union, frankly discussed the Geneva Protocol and intimated that Britain might go farther in co-operation with other European Powers or that the United States would wish to go, in order to bring about a condition of confidence leading up to disarmament and peace, but that "this should not be construed as implying any possibility of a clash between the two great English-speaking Powers, which possibility other nations of the world must really learn to consider, as we already consider it, as one thing we will neither admit nor endure."

President Coolidge sent a message to the banquet declaring that the aim of the English-speaking Union to promote sentiments of goodwill and co-operation between Britain and America deserved all support. Mr. Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State, sent a similar message.

U.S. NAVY.

SECRETARY WILBUR ON FUTURE PLANS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 10. Before the sub-committee on naval appropriations of the House of Representatives Mr. Curtis W. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, outlined the programme to re-establish and maintain the navy at the 5-5-3 ratio provided in the Naval Limitation Treaty. The programme suggests the reconstruction of the older battleships in order to keep them in fighting trim, and the construction of the building of auxiliary craft based on similar construction by other naval Powers.

FLYING DISASTER.

U.S.N. SEAPLANE FALLS INTO SEA.

TWO MEN MISSING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, December 10. Four men are missing and three have been severely burned as the result of a navy seaplane falling into the sea at San Diego Bay, California.

LATER.

Two Believed Drowned. When the sea-plane was brought ashore, three bodies were discovered in the cockpit. Two others of the party are believed to have been drowned.

HOLLAND AND U.S.

TREATY WITH REGARD TO LIQUORS.

(Reuter's Service.)

THE HAGUE, December 10. The Netherlands Government has tabled a bill approving the Treaty concluded on August 21 with Washington with regard to the transport of alcoholic liquors. The Treaty is identical with the one made between the United States and Britain.

NEW COMMODORE.

CAPTAIN STIRLING DUE THIS EVENING.

Among the passengers on board the P. and O. s.s. "Macedonia," which is due at 5 o'clock to-day, are Captain Stirling R.N., his wife and daughter.

Captain Stirling is to replace Captain Grace as Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments at Hongkong.

Arrangements For To-morrow. This morning Commodore Grace sent the following signal to all H.M.S. vessels in port: "The Broad Pennant of Commodore Stirling will be hoisted in H.M.S. 'Despatch' at 8 a.m. to-morrow Friday, December 12."

H.M.S. "Despatch" will salute the Broad Pennant of Commodore Grace. The Broad Pennant of Commodore Grace will be struck in H.M.S. "Tamar" at sunset same day, and the Broad Pennant of Commodore Stirling will be transferred to H.M.S. "Tamar" at 8 a.m. Saturday, 13th December.

H.M.S. "Despatch" will salute Commodore Stirling's Broad Pennant instead of H.M.S. "Diomedea," which ship is refitting.

Farwell to the Graces. The departure of Commodore H. E. Grace R.N. (Mrs. Grace went home some months ago) and his two daughters will leave a void in naval, social and sporting circles that it will be difficult to fill. During their sojourn here the family have made numerous friends in all walks of life, who will join in wishing them a bright and happy future.

Commodore Grace and his family leave for home on Saturday.

POPPY DAY.

HOW THE OUTPORTS HELPED.

In connection with the appeal organised by the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Legion on Armistice Day this year, the sum of £3,095.2.9d. has been remitted to Earl Haig's Fund. This total is made up as follows:—

Hongkong	2,553	0	0
Swatow	126	3	9
Chefoo	70	0	0
Amoy	56	14	9
Dairen	45	4	10
Ichang	39	0	6
Foochow	36	4	11
Chinkiang	28	12	9
Wei-hai-wei	27	14	10
Changsha	25	8	10
Kiukiang	25	1	6
Nanking	24	5	7
Harbin	18	16	1
Ningpo	14	7	9
Antung	2	19	4
Kuling (Redcroft School)	2	7	4
	£ 3,095	2	9

There still remain a few outports from which returns have not yet been received and there is a small balance of the amount collected in Hongkong to be remitted when the accounts are closed.

X'MAS MAIL.

The first of the Xmas mails from home will arrive by the s.s. "Macedonia," which is due to arrive in the harbour at 5 p.m. to-day.

Letters which left London on November 13 will be delivered to-night and papers of the same date in the morning.

Parcels from home are also brought by the "Macedonia." They left London on November 8.

VARIETY AND THRILLS.

THE STAR THEATRE'S ENTERPRISE.

Mix them up seem to be the Star Theatre's motto. Patrons are being offered attractions a little out of the ordinary. Pitroff's Royal Serbian Dancers—nine in all—take the floor, as the Irish say, and give a round of dances characteristic of their country. This is a highly original act and one that should be seen to be appreciated in all its wild beauty. In addition "The Fast Mail" provides the agreeable contrast and a help to the spending of a perfect evening. This is sheer melo-drama of the wildest, that has flickered on to the screen for many a bright day. Nothing has been overlooked in the making of it. The hero is a stalwart from the land "where men are men." In a steeplechase he is fouled and thrown from his horse by the brother of his sweetheart. He forces a confession, holds up the "frame-up" gang at the point of a gun and grabs the money they have won in order to return it to the loser. The question of murder crops up. There is a chase on horseback and—but sufficient has been said to indicate that this is a real melo-drama, not of the blood-curdling type, but one which makes the blood run in mightily quickness, and leads from scene to scene of thrills, escapes and love. It is a great picture. "The Fast Mail" and eight Serbian Dancers, all in one programme, is no light achievement. It is a glorious one.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

"Captain T. S. King, of the "Lionship," is on reserve. Captain J. V. Simpson, from leave, has gone master, "Lionship."

Mr. R. Laker, supply second engineer, "Kwongsang," has gone supply second engineer, "Tung-shing."

Mr. W. T. Bould, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Kwongsang."

Mr. C. Ross, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Esang."

Mr. H. W. Fraser, second engineer, "Esang," has gone second engineer, "Wosang."

Mr. A. Connal, second engineer, "Wosang," is on leave.

Mr. H. H. Bolderson, second officer, "Fukwang," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. D. S. Whyte, supply chief engineer, "Fukwang," has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. Fyfe, second engineer, "Shukwang," has gone second engineer, "Fukwang."—Shipping and Engineering.

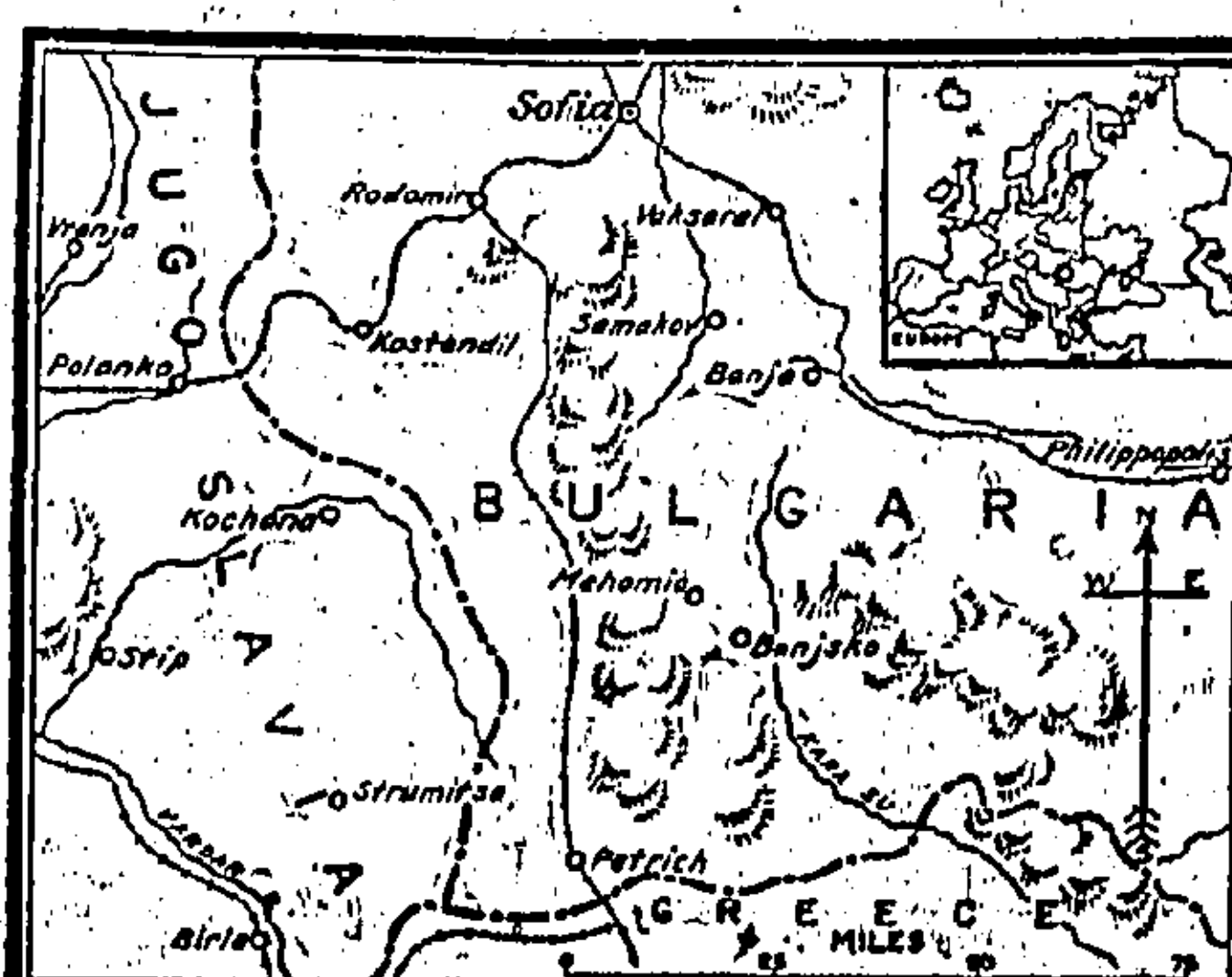
SINGAPORE BASE.

DUTCH SAID TO FAVOUR SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 10. The "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent discussing aspects of the Singapore naval base, draws attention to the fact that the Dutch, especially the naval authorities both in Holland and the Dutch East Indies, are most interested in the scheme. The idea of a big British naval base at the junction of the Pacific and Indian oceans is apparently welcomed by the Dutch, whose great colonial dependencies are protected by a very efficient fleet, albeit of small warships only. The correspondent foresees the possibility of and informal Anglo-Dutch naval entente in the Far East.

BORDER MENACE.



MACEDONIAN MENACE—Bulgaria is reported to have sent 4,000 soldiers to the frontier to prevent Macedonian revolutionary bands from crossing into Bulgaria. The Bulgarians are reported to be pursuing such bands into Bulgaria and it is feared the pursuit might continue to Serbia.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

BRITISH CABINET BELIEVE IT AUTHENTIC.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 11. Speaking in the House of Commons to-day, Sir William Joynson-Hicks (Home Secretary), referring to the Zinovieff letter, said that he was authorised to state on behalf of the Cabinet that, having put the matter in the hands of a responsible committee, they were prepared to accept the statement that the letter was genuine and no forgery. That statement was enough for other members of the Cabinet and he believed it was enough for the people of country.

The Government did not propose to give the evidence on which opinion was based or disclosed names.

Fear Of Reprials. This was impossible for reasons of safety of individual lives. The Labourites must choose between believing the word of Zinovieff or the statement of the Cabinet (Ministerial Cheers).

If Russia wanted to be friends with Britain, let her begin by stopping her world-wide propaganda; keeping hands off India and Egypt and every country we controlled.

The debate on the Address was adjourned until Monday; other business will be taken to-morrow (Friday).

HOME FOOTBALL.

VICTORY FOR NEW BRIGHTON.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 10. In the third division of the Northern Section of the Association Football League, New Brighton beat Durham City by 4 goals to nil.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 11.—Coronet Theatre: "The Queen of Sheba." December 11.—Star Theatre: "The Fast Mail." December 11.—World Theatre: "The Gold Diggers." December 11.—Queen's Theatre: "Long Tak Sam, the world-renowned Magician 9.15 p.m." December 12 to 20.—Theatre Royal: "The Yeomen of the Guard," 9 p.m.

January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.—January 14, 4.30 p.m.

December 23.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.

December 11.—Musical at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

December 13.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

December 19.—Children's Xmas Party, at Helena May Institute, p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION. December 13.—Lammert Bros., at the Engineers' Institute, King's Building, Praya Central, one full-sized English billiard table with accessories, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING. December 20.—Sixth, meeting of China Light and Power Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11.30 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS. December 12.—Women's Bible Class at the Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

December 15.—Annual meeting of the R.H.K. Golf Club at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.

December 15.—Fifth annual meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, 5.30 p.m.

December 23.—General meeting of shareholders of the Rah Syndicate Ltd., Prince's Building, Chater Road, noon.

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Mrs. H. Lechmere Clift will conduct the Bible Circle at the Helena May Institute on Friday, December 12, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all women.

Next year a preliminary survey of the country between Nairobi and Mombasa is to be undertaken with the object of estimating the cost of a road sufficiently good to be used by motor cars in the dry season.

A Chicago report says that Jacob Franks, father of the boy killed by Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb, has planned a trust fund that may be used after his death to oppose any efforts to free the murderers.

The tramway authorities in Tokyo believe that 50 per cent. of the trouble between passengers and conductors will be obviated by the employment of women conductors. Their uniform is to be designed by a Parisian tailor.

In the French Chamber of Deputies M. Herriot stated that Germany having accepted the Dawes plan, any claim on Germany's part to a right demand, a new estimate of her capacity for payment would be in formal contradiction with the Dawes plan.

An amateur wireless enthusiast in the Department of Bases-Pyrenees, Menars, states that he picked up the Jima station at Tokyo on a ninety metre wave length. The station was heard clearly for ten minutes. This is the first time an amateur transmitting station in Japan has picked up an amateur receiver in France.

The Associated Press—the great news-collecting agency to which American papers are indebted for much of their information about what is happening in Europe—has come a cropper over its announcement of the award of the Filene Peace Prize of 100,000 francs offered to French competitors. It reported that the successful candidate was a "watchman in one of the numerous Paris normal schools." It seemed surprising that anyone following such an occupation should win a distinction requiring an expert knowledge of international law and politics. And it turns out that the prize-winner actually holds the office of "surveillant général"—i.e., supervisor of studies in the Ecole Normale Supérieure, a special graduate school for advanced studies.

A man was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to his leg caused by being struck down by a truck in Laichik Road.

Two Chinese, arrested in Five Street, were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with possession of a dagger. The men were remanded.

The annual athletic championship contests of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will take place in the gymnasium hall commencing at 7.30 this evening. Twelve events will be worked off for which there are 25 entries.

Vessels arriving from the South still report heavy weather but there is little or no mention of winds of gale force. Instead of taking six days, steamers are now coming up from Singapore in five although the "Gaika Maru" proved an exception by taking eight.

Fines of \$5 were imposed at the Marine Court this morning for anchoring in the cable reserves extending along the Central Quay, from Murray Pier to Statue Pier, and on to "Star" Pier. The motor-boat "Simplex No. 8", and three junks were the offending vessels.

The theft of jewellery and other articles, including a revolver, valued at a total sum of \$562, is reported to the police by Mr. T. R. Rennett, an assistant at Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. The articles were stolen from his residence No. 13, Chatham Street, some time between November 30, and yesterday.

Mr. John W. Cook, who has been a secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in America for 35 years, is on a visit to Hongkong for a few days while on his world tour. Mr. Cook will meet the local directors and officers at a conference next Saturday evening, and on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock he will give an address to men at the auditorium.

Banit Singh, a clerk in the employ of an Indian firm, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning as defendant on charges of embezzling \$4.37 from various persons during November. Mr. H. C. Lee, who appeared for the prosecution, asked leave to withdraw the summonses as the defendant had made ample reparations. The application was allowed.

Ten passengers carried in excess of the number provided in her licence, cost a coolie boat mistress \$10, this being the amount of a fine imposed at the Marine Court this morning.

By mooring their craft at the foot of the Eastern Street steps and thereby obstructing the Cheung Chau Ferry, two junk masters were each fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

The Women's Suffragette Movement of China is reported to have sent out a circular telegram urging the different provinces to send representatives to Shanghai to meet with its members to discuss political matters and the destiny of China which, they say, now rests in their hands.

A large quantity of firearms and ammunition having come into the possession of civilians since the recent local fighting, the Shanghai Occupation Commissioner has offered monetary compensation for any that are surrendered. It is said that he has had to pay out very little money so far.

During the discussion of the French war budget M. Nollet remarked that French military expenditure reached a total of 4,488,000,000 francs as against 1,700,000,000 in 1914. Taking account of the fall in the value of the franc the present expenditure is 24 per cent. below prewar expenditure whereas the United States had increased such expenditure by 74 per cent. and Japan by 18 per cent. while England maintained her expenditure at the prewar level, says the Havas agency.

The "Japan Advertiser" says:—Because the captain failed to take proper steps to rescue or to search for the body of a sailor who fell overboard, the crew of the N.Y.K. steamer "Chikugo Maru," which reached Yokohama from the South Seas at the end of last month, have lodged a strong protest against the captain at the office of the N.Y.K. The men contended that the captain refused to stop the ship when one of the crew, who was washing the deck, fell overboard accidentally. Their protest against the captain is joined in by crews of other N.Y.K. ships.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Ling Hung-hsun has taken over the post of president of the Shanghai section of the University of Communications—formerly Nanyang College—at Sincawei, a post to which he was appointed some days ago by Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Minister of Communications.

Mr. C. K. Uiam, the Manager of Messrs. J. T. Chanar & Co., Shanghai, arrived in the Colony by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" and will take charge of the firm here as the general manager for China. He relieves Mr. G. P. Daswan, the present general manager, who leaves for home on a holiday.

Mr. W. Yinson Lee, president of the Shanghai Y's Men's Club, has received a letter from Mr. P. W. Alexander, director of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs, informing him that the Shanghai Y's Men's Club has been admitted as a member of the International Club and a charter of affiliation has been granted.

News has just reached Shanghai that Mr. Frithof Hoehnke, managing director of the Scandinavian Brewery Co. Ltd. has become engaged to Miss Margrethe Konow, of Bergen, Norway. The wedding will take place at the beginning of January next, after which Mr. Hoehnke will bring his bride out, arriving via Suez some time in March.

Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, sailed nearly world-wide for a year when the story of his "killings" on various Wall Street deals was told, is dropping some of that money in Paris "exchange" shops, according to advice from Paris. Lieutenant Wood was reported as having cleaned up more than \$1,000,000 gold, playing the market from Manila and Saigon. He resigned his army commission after the story was revealed. But the Paris God of Chance is not as favourable to Lieut. Wood, so the stories go, and he is said to have recently parted with quite a few francs at the Cercle Hansman, a palatial establishment presided over by the opulent "Andro," a former funeral mummer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Coates arrived in Shanghai last week by the P. & O. s.s. "Khiva." They left on Monday for Changsha where Mr. Coates is taking up the position of Consul.

Mr. J. S. Gubby returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Asia." Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Yates and Madame L. Negre were also passengers by the same ship.

Mrs. Susan Blackwell, of Chambers Road, Southport, widow, left £16,656, and thereout for the benefit of native women in India or China in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society £2,000.

M. Trotsky, says a Moscow cable, has been suffering the same as he did last year, from infectious fever for the past month, as a sequel to an attack of influenza. His doctors are urgently ordering him to a Caucasus health resort.

Frances Isabella Dowager Countess of Donoughmore, of Kilmanahan Castle, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, and of Buckingham Gate, S.W., and of Sidmouth, Devon, widow of the fifth Earl, and daughter of the late General Stephens, of the East India Company's Service, left (unsettled) (net personally £19,211) £3,196.

Passengers arriving by s.s. "Empress of Asia" yesterday included Prince and Princess Trajapitok, of Siam, who are returning from a tour of Europe and are travelling in a strictly unofficial manner. During their stay in Hongkong the Prince and Princess are residing at the Hongkong Hotel and only entertainment of an informal nature will take place.

The "Gazette" announces, under date June 1, that the King has appointed Mr. J. F. Johns to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Kingdom of Siam, to reside at Bangkok; and Mr. J. D. Hogg, M.B.E., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Songora, comprising the Mionthons of Puket, Surasini, Nakawa, Sritamarat and Patani, to reside in Songora.

The following appointments in the 24th Bombay Grenadiers are notified in Command Orders:—Captain R. M. Newton-King, to be Officiating Company Commander, vice Captain E. R. S. Dods, M.C., proceeded to United Kingdom to join Staff College, Camberley; Captain W. D. Bacon, to be Officiating Company Commander, vice Major C. P. F. Warton, O.B.E., relieved.

Major-General Sir Charles Benjamin Knowles, K.C.B., of Eastfields, Camberley, Surrey, a Crimean veteran, who also saw service in the Afghan War, 1878-80, and in Egypt, and colonel of the Hampshire Regiment, who died on July 29, aged 88, left unsettled property in his own disposition of the gross value of £15,494, with net personality £14,324.

Mr. Guy F. H. Acheson, Dean of Customs College, Peking, died suddenly on Monday evening from angina pectoris, says a Peking message to the "Daily Bulletin." Deceased, apparently, was in normal health until Monday afternoon when he complained that he felt ill and lay down, but shortly afterwards he quietly passed away. The late Mr. Acheson returned last March from London, where he had been in charge of the Customs' office.

Mr. Ronald Edward David Sassoon, of Knightsbridge, S.W., and of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., who saw service in France during the Great War, and who died at Baghdad on July 11, while travelling in Persia, aged 28, left unsettled property of the gross value of £257,420, with net personality £241,780. He died intestate and a bachelor without parent and letters of administration of his property have been granted to the only child of his, his sister, Mrs. Mariet Helene Ezra, of Westwarren Park, Cobham, Surrey. The duties on the property at this valuation will amount to about £63,000.

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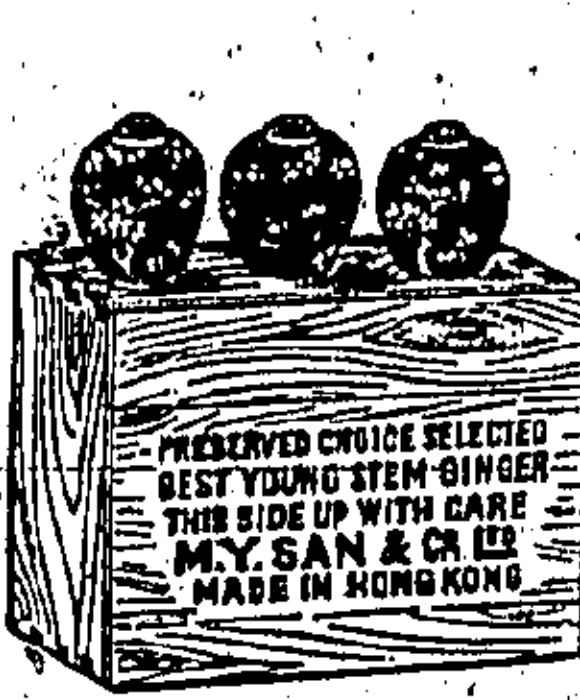
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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

LONG TACK SAN AND
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Long Tack San and his amazing Chinese and supporting company opened their Hongkong season before a large audience in the Queen's Theatre last night. They presented an entertainment the like of which has not been seen in Hongkong in years. Some good juggling, acrobatic and conjuring turns have been witnessed previously, but no one combination has been seen which excelled in all of these branches. Originality was the keynote of the entire performance. The tricks were new and most cleverly executed, and to appreciate them fully one would have to see them over and over again. The entertainment was clean and wholesome and every turn received well deserved applause. Long Tack San and his assistants occupied the stage during the second half of the programme and their entry was marked by the appearance of a Chinese girl who danced daintily. The Chinese curtain parted and Long Tack San and his troupe appeared in gorgeous Eastern costume. Long Tack San first does some conjuring, producing several dishes of fruit and nuts from behind a cloth thrown across his arm. He also produces from behind the same cloth two glass dishes of water, one large and one small, the larger containing gold fish. Next he performs some amazing feats with a length of rope at the end of which are two bowls of water. The bowls are swung round at a great speed, the rope being held between the teeth. Then followed an act that held the audience spellbound. Long Tack San produced a packet of needles, which he placed in his mouth and apparently swallowed. He then took some red cotton chosen by members of the audience, and placed this in his mouth also. Having taken a drink of water, the artist worked his mouth in various ways and finally drew the thread out and later the needles, all threaded and glistening in the electric light. The act was unusually clever and the audience showed their appreciation by hearty applause. Two white streamers are held by two attendants, and Long Tack San burns them in the centre. He then fans the burnt ends and gradually the streamers mend and straighten out to their original state. One of the company and a woman give an exhibition of wicking long streamers of paper and another young claims applause for a remarkable feat of balancing. Long Tack San also proved that he was as versatile with his tongue as with his hands. His patter was witty and he proved quite a warm favourite. Two Chinese girls danced a Highland dance in costume and another member of the company performed some clever juggling with a three-pronged fork. The variety of feats performed was great and they can not be adequately described in a short space. One of the outstanding features of the performance was the work of the gymnasts on the horizontal bar. Peak that the ordinary gymnast would perform jumps executed with great strain they made light of and they added movements that, unless witnessed, would be spoken of as impossible. They exhibited perfect control of every movement and were heartily applauded at the finish.

WORLD THEATRE.

"GOLD DIGGERS."

The much anticipated showing yesterday at the World Theatre proved to many that "The Gold Diggers," the adaptation of the David Belasco play of the same name, and a Broadway success for above two years, is one of those rare pictures which makes its coming an event to remember. This is not only on account of its celebrated stars, its strong story and beautiful unique settings, but also because the entire story is unrolled smoothly, as though it were a single unit, and not a complicated story of the gay night life of New York's intriguing women. It will play for four days only.

The "behind the scenes" atmosphere is truthfully limned, with chorus girls in their dressing rooms preparing for the show, and all the usual hustle and bustle. Led by one of their group, Jerry Lamar, these girls delight in what is known as "gold digging," or the art of extracting money and other valuables from men of their acquaintance.

The entire picture is interspersed with situations now full of pathos and sadness, now rising to heights of merriment, or, in places, filled with subtle humour and irony. Indeed there is not a dull moment. One of the splendid scenes in the picture is a Spanish dance given by Jerry Lamar. In it she is dressed in a wonderful Spanish costume, and the scene is set in a typical Spanish atmosphere. The cast includes Hope Hampton, Wyndham Standing, Louise Fazenda, Gertrude Short, and others.

ARRESTS IN BENGAL.

EXPLANATION GIVEN BY
INDIA OFFICE.

London, October 26.—The India Office last night issued the following Memorandum which regard to the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Order, the promulgation of which by the Government of India was reported in the week-end press:—

The Ordinance has been made and promulgated by the Governor-General to reinforce the Criminal Law of Bengal under the power given to him by section 72 of the Government of India Act. The Governor-General has taken this action on the application of the Local Government and after the fullest examination of the necessity for it and with the authority of his Majesty's Government. The Ordinance equips the Bengal Government with special powers to deal with violent crime for the purpose of protecting not only officers of the Government whose lives are threatened, but equally private citizens who have frequently been the innocent sufferers of such outrages, and misguided youths who are its tools and often themselves its victims. The events leading up to the present position in Bengal are these:—

From 1912 to 1917 conspiracies to commit outrages operated in Bengal. All other methods of dealing with these conspiracies having been tried without avail, action was effectively taken against those concerned in it under regulation 3 of 1918 and under the Defence of India Act. That Act lapsed in 1922, and the special powers it gave to the Government of India for dealing with secret conspiracies for crime lapsed with it. Most of the prisoners so dealt with were from time to time released, many forsaking their connection with the conspiracies and never returning to it. Some, however, remained irreconcilable, though when the Government of India Act was passed in 1919 an amnesty was extended to them in the hope of their abandoning criminal methods. That hope was not realised.

ARMS FROM ABROAD.

From 1920 to 1922 they carried on their activities, recruiting followers and perfecting their organisation with a view to future action. Towards the end of 1922 the leaders of these conspiracies, believing that their political aims would not be attained through the methods of the political Non-Cooperation Movement, decided to revise methods of violence. New members in large numbers were recruited, arms and ammunition partly of a kind which cannot be obtained in India and must therefore have been smuggled from abroad, were collected; a new and highly dangerous type of bomb was manufactured; projects of assassination against police officers and other persons were devised; the movements of these officers and their residences were watched and attacks on them arranged for.

During 1923 there was a series of outrages, including a dacoity with double murder near Howrah; and the looting of Ultadangi Post Office in May; a robbery with murder in July; the Sankaribolla murder, and other crimes. In January this year Mr. Day was murdered in Calcutta by mistake for a police officer who had been marked down as a victim, and another similar murder was attempted in April. In March last a bomb factory was discovered, and other activities directed to the manufacture of bombs and an illicit collection of arms were detected. Other crimes are known to have been planned, and projects of assassination continued and still continue. The movement is deep-seated and actively dangerous.

When other means for dealing with the emergency had been exhausted the Government of India authorised the confinement of certain leaders of the criminal organisation under regulation 13 of 1918, and the movement was temporarily checked; but new leaders were found and operations were resumed, as is seen from the record of crime for the present year.

AIMS OF ORDINANCE.

Permanent measures to remedy the situation are contemplated by the local government, but in the meantime it has become necessary to provide by this Ordinance immediate safeguards against preparations for criminal outrage. The Ordinance is not, as has been mistakenly suggested in some press notices, aimed at any of the legitimate activities of members of that movement. It does not interfere with or affect the lawful interests or activities of any citizen whether in private or political affairs, so long as he does not associate himself with the promotion of crimes of violence. The Government is determined to preserve from such crimes that public security on which political progress depends, and intends to proceed along the lines of

PHYSICS IN INDUSTRY.

SCIENTIFIC MAKING OF
RAIN.

The seventh of a series of public lectures on "Physics in Industry," arranged by the Institute of Physics, was delivered in London by Sir Oliver Lodge. He took as his subject "Electrical Precipitation," a somewhat cryptic title, which conveyed little meaning until the lecture commenced and its scope was explained.

Sir Oliver divided his subject into two main parts—electrical precipitation in nature and that produced artificially. The second part proved to be a most interesting and informative description of the methods used in industry by which valuable products are extracted from the smoke in chimneys, such as those at smelting works, by passing a current at a very high voltage—somewhere about 100,000 volts—between suitable plates over which the smoke passes. The minute particles, in consequence, adhere to the positive plates and fall as a manageable and marketable deposit, while the clear smoke escapes into the air.

This cleansing of smoke interests meteorologists from the point of view of atmospheric pollution, but it is with the first part of the lecture, the natural aspect of electrical precipitation, that they are chiefly concerned, and more particularly with some suggestions that the lecturer threw out at the conclusion.

Sir Oliver said that the cause of the production in a thunderstorm of the immensely high electrical potential necessary to produce the lightning flashes observed remained a mystery until Dr. G. C. Simpson, now Director of the Meteorological Office, made his pioneer experiments in the breaking-up of falling drops of water by ascending air currents. He found that when a raindrop broken up through falling through uprushings of air—as occurs in thunder-clouds—the droplets gain a positive charge, while the air gains an equal negative one. Although the charge produced by a single division is very small, we have only to suppose that the same quantity of water may take part in many hundreds of divisions to be able to account for the production of sufficiently high potentials to cause a flash of lightning. The reader who wishes to consult the original paper by Dr. Simpson will find it in "Phil. Trans. A." (vol. 209, p. 379). This is the method by which in nature electricity gives rise to precipitation.

At the conclusion of the lecture Sir Oliver Lodge suggested that the time would come when rain could be produced artificially. Strange as it may seem in England what the world as a whole suffers from most is drought, and the physicist would be helping industry if he could produce rain. If when drought occurs there are no clouds in the sky, then the production of rain might well be considered impossible, but it frequently happens that there are clouds in these regions of drought but from them no rain falls. He suggested that if once a cloud could be electrified so that the minute drops of water could be made to cohere and become large enough to fall, as smoke is treated in the chimneys, then the making of rain would be an accomplished fact. This he conceived quite possible, though Sir Napier Shaw, in the chair, said that meteorologists could hardly consider the problem quite so simple.

But the audience left the hall with the impression that, if a scientist of the lecturer's eminence could express a hope that such scientific interference with nature in the cause of industry were possible, then the day might indeed come when prolonged drought would have lost its terrors for the agriculturist.

political development laid down in Parliament and repeatedly reaffirmed by his Majesty's Government.

The terms of the Ordinance show that it aims only at the suppression of violent crimes. Its main provisions are of two characters. The first is the creation of a Special Judicial Commission for the speedy trial of offenders, this court being similar to those provided in previous legislation of a similar nature. The second type of provision is intended to empower the local government to control the movements of subordinate members of criminal associations. The details of these provisions also follow previous measures of the same kind, and include the reference of each case for examination by judicial officers.

A point of the greatest importance in regard to the Ordinance is the fact that it does not create any new offence, but is directed towards the more speedy punishment of offenders and the effective prevention of acts which are already defined as crimes under the Indian Penal Code and under the Arms and Explosives Substances Acts, which are parts of the ordinary law.

OBITUARY.

MR. AUGUST BELMONT.

A Reuter cable announces the death in New York of Mr. August Belmont, the well-known banker. The late Mr. August Belmont was born in New York City on February 18, 1853. He graduated from Harvard in 1874. He married Miss Elizabeth Hamilton Morgan in 1881; she died in 1898. On February 26, 1910, he married again, his bride being Miss Eleanor Elise Robeson, who survives him. The late Mr. Belmont was a great power on the American Turf, and also in yachting circles.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Langkats 21½ Buyers.
Ewos 11¼ Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 100½ Buyers.
New Engineering 7.60 Buyers.
Orientals 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 59 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Pyrrhus, (Br.) B. & S., from Newport, Singapore.
Soochow, (B.) B. & S., from Shanghai, Amoy.
Chusan, (Br.) B. & S., from Shanghai, Swatow.
Shansi, (Br.) B. & S., from Canton.
Kwang Tung, (Br.) B. & S. from Bangkok, Swatow.
Kwang Tung, (Br.) J. & M. Co., from Tientsin, Swatow.
Taksang, (Br.) J. M. & Co. from Shanghai, Swatow.
Ming Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co. from Haiphong, Hainan.
Borneo, (Br.) Shun Tai, from Haiphong, Hainan.
Kaiko Maru, (Jap.) O. S. K. from Keelung, Swatow.
Taito Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. from Shanghai, Swatow.
Osaka Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. from Calcutta, Singapore.
Sui Yik, (Chinese) Fook Hoi, from Shanghai.
El Lobo, (Br.) A. P. C. from San Pedro.

DEPARTURES.

Szechuen, (Br.) B. & S. for Shanghai, Swatow.
Limchow, (Fren.) Sing Kee, for Haiphong, Pakhoi.
Produce, (Nor.) K. Larssen & Co., for Kongmun.
Hoi Cheong, (Port.) Hoi On, S.S. Co. for Kwong Chow Wan.
Chusan, (Br.) B. & S. for Shanghai.
Taksang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Canton.
Osaka Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K. for Yokohama, Moji.
Dainichi Maru, (Jap.) M. B. K., for Hongay.
Taiyo Maru, (Jap.) T. K. K., for San Francisco, Shanghai.
Poo Lee, (Chinese) Tung Woo, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Taming, (Br.) B. & S., for Haiphong, Hainan.
Yan Bu, (Chil.) Yan Woo, for Haiphong.
Egremont Castle, (Br.) Dodwell & Co. for New York, Hilo.
Tak Hing, (Chinese) Fook Hai, for Antau.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per F. M. as "Pier" for Macao, Dec. 10. Mrs. E. Danenberg, Mr. H. C. Anderson, Mr. H. S. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hayward, Mrs. J. Oram Sheppard, Miss M. Fleming, Mr. H. P. Strickler, Mr. R. M. John on, Mr. H. C. Brigham, Miss O. L. Cleveland and Dr. H. D. Knoder.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" from Hongkong arrived London on Dec. 9 at 7 a.m.
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hongkong on Nov. 10 arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 8.
The B. & N. s.s. "Dardanus" arrived at London on Dec. 7.
The B. & N. s.s. "Pyrrhus" from Liverpool is due here to-day.
The R. L. s.s. "Teresa" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. and is due here to-day.
The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" with the outward English Mails is due here to-day.
The B. & N. s.s. "Ixion" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 8 for this port and is due here to-morrow.
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" will leave Hongkong for Manila at 5 p.m. to-day. She will leave Manila at 5 p.m. on Dec. 14 arriving back in Hongkong at 7 a.m. on Dec. 15.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Osaka Maru" (European-Post) (Line) left London for Hongkong via Nuez on Nov. 9 and is expected here on Dec. 16.
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pren Monroe" which is due at this port on Dec. 21, sailed from New York on Dec. 10—on schedule.

TALE OF A DRAFT.

CLAIM FOR REPAYMENT OF
\$100.

PLAINTIFF LOSES CASE.

In the Summary Court, yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, a case involving the sending of \$100 draft from Liverpool to Hongkong, was heard. Plaintiff, Mr. F. Lee Yow, of Liverpool, sued Woon Kew, Secretary of the Yee Woon Tong Seamen's Club, 28, D'Aguiar Street, for the repayment of \$100 sent by him to his brother who was travelling in Hongkong.

Mr. N. I. Brewer appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

Mr. Brewer said that in 1920 a man named Li Fu came to Hongkong for a holiday from England, and during that time plaintiff (his brother) forwarded demand drafts to Hongkong, which came from invested property in England. He sent a draft for \$100 in August, 1920, but in September of that year Li Fu returned to England, and never received the draft, which was addressed to him "care of" defendant. When Li Fu returned to England he told plaintiff that he had not received this \$100. He told plaintiff to write for its return, and Li Fu wrote to defendant asking him to return it to Lee Yow. The draft was not returned by defendant, and in 1922, after the death of Li Fu, plaintiff wrote to the Chartered Bank, and inquired whether the draft had been cashed. The reply he received was that the money had been paid over in February, 1921, before Li Fu knew of the existence of the draft. Lee Yow now took the opportunity of being in the Far East on holiday, to bring the action.

Mr. Fitzroy submitted that there was no case to answer, and His Lordship said he was doubtful whether plaintiff's action could be maintained, but it would save time if Mr. Fitzroy put his evidence before the Court.

The wife of the deceased, giving evidence, said that defendant wrote to her husband stating that he had got the money, and that he was instructed to bank it pending the return of the deceased to Hongkong. Then her husband's mother happened to be in need of money, and he instructed defendant to supply her with \$100 in small sums from time to time.

Defendant also gave evidence, and said this was what he had done with the money.

His Lordship said he would not believe plaintiff's story, and the action would be dismissed.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA.

CORONET'S GREAT
ATTRACTION.

The Old Testament literally abounds with themes dear to the heart of the imaginative; bringing in their train intensely interesting stories and showing again and again that human nature, human desires, love and hate, have been the same from the beginning of time. Not only do these old stories, or legends, do this, but there is attached to them a sense of colour with which the word-plot comes so naturally. What better story than that of the wise Solomon and the Queen, great in herself, in her power and in her possessions, who desires to see the one so doubly blessed—the one who, when asked to choose from what there was to give, chose wisdom, which, so we are told, is far above rubies. There is, in the character of the Queen of Sheba, all that appeals to the heart of a Director or Producer, and in the incidents that go to make the story, which is to be seen at the Coronet Theatre, nothing is lacking to make a film of more than passing interest. See the armies of the warring contestants; the "chariot races"; the gorgeous robes; and also see the love romance of the "most beautiful woman the world has ever known."

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TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

SIR W. G. ARMSTRONG, WHITWORTH & CO., LTD. have opened an office at St. George's Building, 3rd Floor. Telephone No. Central 302. Telegraphic Address "Ubiquity"—Hongkong. Hongkong, December 11th, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, 15th December, 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. at Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., (China) Ltd's, Godown No. 130 (Praya East) (For account of the Concerned) 8 Tons of Chloride of Lime packed in 1 cwt. Iron Drums (more or less damaged). Terms:—Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

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MRS. E. I. SWICK

It's terrible to be hungry, but it's
nice to be slender. So Mrs. Agnes
Swick, wife of Dr. E. L. Swick, fasted
for forty-two days and reduced from
185 to 145 pounds. She declared
thoughts of food were disagreeable to
her during the last eight days of her
fast. This photograph was taken at
the end of the fast.

Suing For Divorce.



MRS. JEAN LONDON ABBOTT

Mrs. Jean London Abbott has
sued for divorce from Park Abbott
because he objected to the daughter
of Jack London, famous novelist,
using her maiden name or her writ-
ings. She is determined to link her
name with that of her father in her
literary career.

RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS.



PRES. COOLIDGE, SECY. STAMP & SECY. CLARK

President Calvin Coolidge has been overwhelmed with congrat-
ulations on his election. He is shown in his office with Mr. Stamp,
his secretary, and Mr. Clark, his Assistant Secretary, going over
some of the telegrams that poured into the White House.

Death At Play.

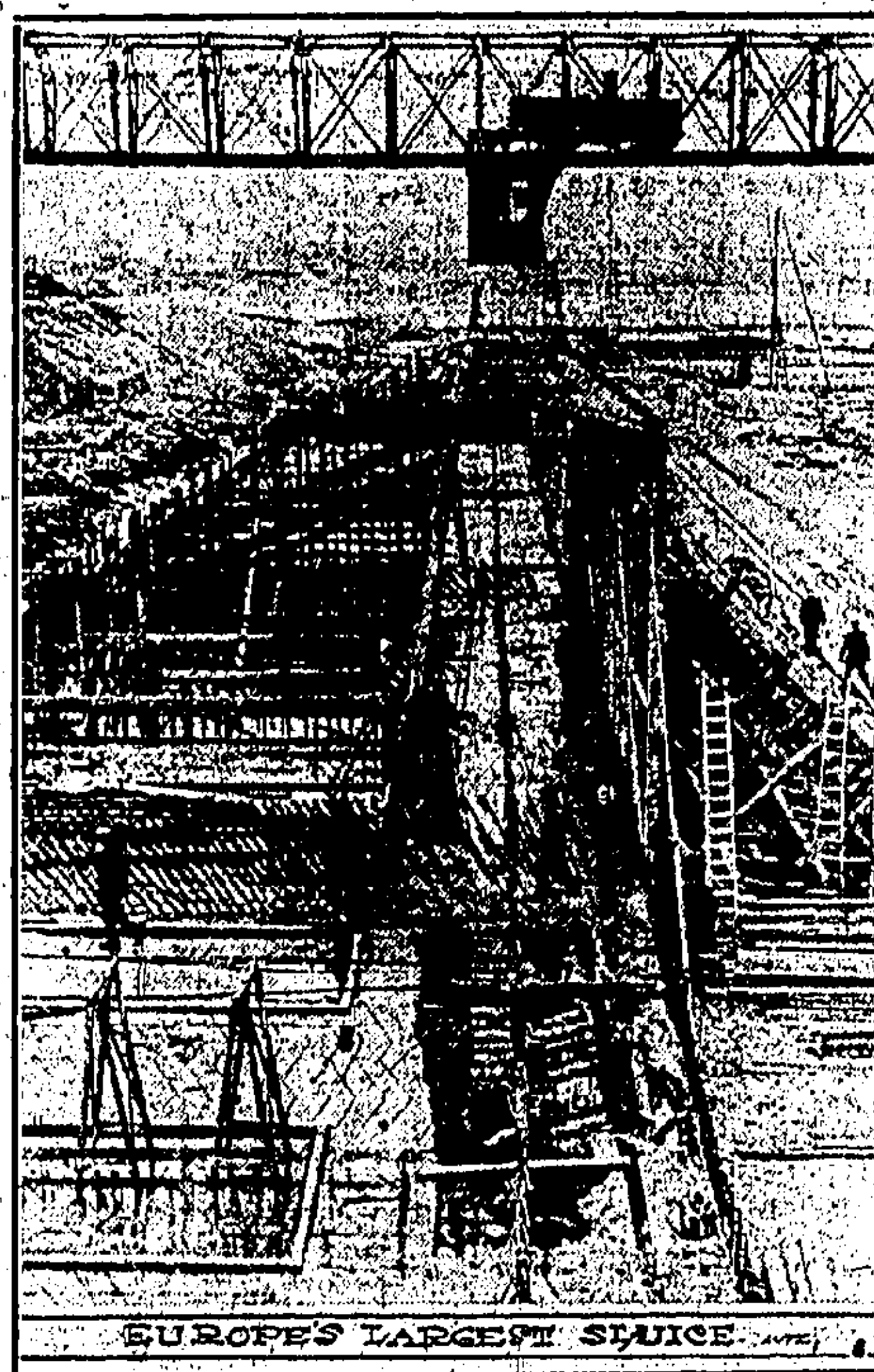


MRS. ERNEST SCHVER

FATAL DOG

After a search of a week, during
which army aeroplanes flew over the
bog where he was last seen, two
youthful companions of little Ernest
Schver, admitted they had accident-
ally killed the boy while "hunting,"
and they had concealed the body.
They led police to the spot. The boy's
mother was heartbroken.

THE LARGEST SLUICE IN EUROPE.



The wealth of Holland is due to the commercial development of
its waterways. At Ymuiden, a centre of the waterway traffic, is
being built the largest sluice in Europe, to keep the water in the
canals at the proper height. Above is shown a portion of the
2,200-foot long sluice.

Home Again.



HRH. PRINCE OF WALES

This is the last photograph made
in the United States of the Prince of
Wales, posed on the deck of the liner
"Olympic" just as the vessel sailed
from New York for England.

Europe's Best Dressed Man.



JEAN PATOU

M. Jean Patou, of Paris, leading
designer of women's apparel, and
called the best dressed man in France,
has reached London for an intensive
study of the English woman, so he
can design gowns for her. He
brought with him sixty suits of cloth-
ing, 150 shirts and 300 neckties, all
expertly chosen in smart colour com-
binations and contrasts. He is a
bachelor!

Rudolph Valentino's Beard.



RUDOLPH VALENTINO

Wearing the true-cut red beard
of a Sheikh of the desert, Rudolph
Valentino, screen star, has re-
turned from a tour of Europe.

FATAL STREET CAR CRASH.



Firemen are shown removing the bodies from a North avenue
trolley car in Chicago, where ten persons were killed and many injured
when it was struck by a freight train at a grade crossing.

Grandson Of Garibaldi.



GEN. PEPPINO GARIBOLDI

Gen. Peppino Garibaldi, grandson
of the great Italian liberator, has
declined the challenge to a duel sent
him by Gen. Varini, commanding the
Roman legions of the Fascisti, who
declares Garibaldi "insulted the
Fascisti in a message of protest, in
which he asserted many former
Italian soldiers had been attacked in
cowardly fashion by the Fascisti.
Garibaldi declined the duel, declaring
he intended to fight the head of the
Fascisti, Premier Benito Mussolini."

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st December 1924.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**GOLF.**LONGEST DRIVES ON
RECORD.

455 YARDS BEST.

(By D. G. Soutar.)

While the experts all agree that the mashie shot, properly played, is the finest in the game, there is no questioning the fact that the long drive appeals most to the beginner, and also to the average spectator.

Should a player be successful in carrying a formidable hazard with a phenomenally long tee shot, that shot will remain in the memory of the onlookers, while a mashie shot, dead to the pin over a similar hazard, will linger in the memory only of the true enthusiast.

So many players lately have asked me, "What is the record drive?" that the following authenticated instances may be of interest. It must not be lost sight of that in every case conditions were more or less abnormal—either frozen ground, the hard ground caused by drought, a fierce following wind, considerable fall from the tee to the hole, or a combination of these elements. The drives, therefore, can only be accepted as curiosities.

The longest recorded and fully authenticated drive was accomplished by E. C. Bliss at Herne Bay in August, 1913. The distance was 445 yards. The drive was measured and levels taken by Mr. L. H. Lloyd, Government Surveyor, who measured the drop in the ground from the tee to the resulting place. The fall was 57 feet.

BEAT THE BUNKER.

W. E. MacNamara, professional at Lahinch, Co. Clare, in 1913, playing with Mr. F. S. Bond, Royal Wimbledon, drove to the fourth green, at Lahinch, a distance of 400 yards. About 250 yards from the tee, and running right across the centre of the course, was a large sand bunker, about 25 feet high, called the Klondyke. To get into that bunker from the tee was one of the very best shots. MacNamara, in describing his drive, stated, "How the ball ever got where it was I do not know, unless that it happened to bounce on a stone or something very hard at the end of 250 yards, and then run the rest of the distance down hill. I believe that if all the best players in the world were to drive at that tee all their lives," concluded MacNamara, "I do not think the same thing would happen again."

The notable feature of that drive was carrying a high bunker at 250 yards from the tee. Placing a tee 250 yards from the high bunker at the sixth Kensington would give local players an idea of the length of the shot. A similar carry at Kensington would not travel 150 yards after landing, as the ground is slower; but, given fast ground, like Connaught or Killara, the distance would be quite possible.

BRAID'S LONGEST SHOT.

James Braid, probably the longest driver amongst profes-

sionals of the last generation,

describes his biggest achievement as follows:—

"The longest drive I have ever made, so far as I can recollect, was in 1905, when playing at Walton Heath. The course was frost-bound, and the wind at our backs when we were playing the fifteenth hole, and I hit my tee shot a distance of 395 yards, carefully calculated afterwards. At the 18th hole in the same round I drove to the bunker guarding the green, nearly the same distance."

The 15th hole at Walton Heath has a slight downward slope, but the 18th has not. The distances were measured by Sir Alex. Kennedy, an engineer, and the distances were 395 yards and 340 yards respectively.

Mr. Fred Lemarche, at Westward Ho, drove from the 13th tee, and the ball bounced back ten yards from the assega green. An easterly gale prevailed at the time, and the length of the hole was stated on the card to be 483 yards.

At the North Berwick tournament in July, 1909, W. H. Horne drove 388 yards. D. B. Antler, a one-armed player, drove 300 yards at the Joliet Country Club. This is the longest recorded drive of a one-armed golfer.

All those drives were done with the rubber-cored balls, so that the following, with the solid "gutta" balls, provide interesting comparisons.

Miss Molly Whigham, in the semi-final of the ladies' championship at Westward Ho, in May, 1900, drove 214 yards at the 16th hole, and 234 yards at the 17th. The ground is almost level, and both distances were officially measured immediately after the match.

Good as these drives are, they have been eclipsed by the effort of a well-known Sydney golfer of a decade ago, who at a 200-yard hole drove so far through the green that he had to use his brassy to get back.

SHANGHAI LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the final of the Shanghai Ladies' Championship, Mrs. Lofting defeated Mrs. Ryde by 10 up and 9 to play.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

VISITORS SCORE EASY VICTORY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Toowoomba, December 10. The M.C.C. declared when they had scored 394 for the loss of three wickets. Hearne made 174 not out in 3 hours 32 minutes. He hit two sixes and 24 fours. Tate scored 94, including three sixes and fourteen fours, in 61 minutes. Toowoomba batted thirteen men, and in their first innings scored 181. Freeman taking six wickets for 48. In their second innings they were disposed of for 87. Kilner taking seven wickets for 36 runs.

CRICKET.TEAMS FOR NEXT
SATURDAY.

At the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday, a match between Married and Single has been arranged. The teams follow:—

Married: R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, R. E. O. Bird, E. B. Reed, Col. E. D. Matthews, E. J. R. Mitchell, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lockhart, L. D. McNicoll, H. E. Hollands, H. Griffin, E. W. Hamilton.

Single: R. E. A. Webster (Capt.), H. Owen-Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, Rev. T. B. Powell, Rev. E. K. Quick, E. F. Stewart, G. R. More, H. J. Armstrong, F. N. Young, J. D. Humphreys, L. P. Ralph.

2ND XI v. C.R.C.

At Causeway Bay, the Club second XI are to meet the Chinese Recreation Club. The H.K.C.C. team is:—

H.K.C.C.:—R. Macalpine (Capt.), M. M. Watson, W. Brackenridge, H. J. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, H. M. Howell, C. W. Sewell, N. C. Barber, H. Spicer, T. L. Jenkins, H. G. Burn.

BILLIARDS.MR. A. J. OSMUND BEATS
MR. R. C. K. JOHNSON.

There was a large attendance at the Club Lusitano, last evening, when Mr. R. C. K. Johnson, champion of Shanghai for 1922-1923, met Mr. A. J. Osmund, the local champion, in a game of 600 up.

The game opened poorly, the contestants visiting the table many times before Osmund opened up with a break of 23.

He thus established a lead which he did not lose throughout the game.

Osmund, playing coolly, was always striking with a view to position. His assurance and precision soon put him well ahead of Johnson. His score was almost "always double his opponent's."

The tale is told by a record of the breaks by the respective players, which were as follows: Osmund—28, 40, 22, 12, 33, 182, 22, 18, 13, 61, 62, Johnson—20, 12, 18, 44, 22, 14, 15, 12, 15, 12, 19, 18, 15, 13. The average worked out at Osmund 43.2 and Johnson 9.00.

